



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Technology Center 2600

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004 (Paper No. 2), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.